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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. JUNE 19 STRAITS TIMES REPORTS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM
UPON HIS RETURN FROM PATTAYA ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS'
MEETINGS: "IF THE PROBLEMS OF THESE VIETNAMESE REFU-
GEES ARE NOT DEALT WITH NOW, WE WILL HAVE A SIMILAR
PROBLEM, AKIN TO THE PALESTINIANS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED
LANDS IN TWENTY YEARS TIME. THEN IT WILL NOT BE A
REFUGEE PROBLEM BUT SOMETHING ELSE. THERE ARE NOW
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES LIVING
IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND. THE (THAILAND) WILL
HAVE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THESE REFUGEES."

2. RAJA WENT ON TO NOTE THAT REFUGEE PROBLEM WAS
DISCUSSED AT PATTAYA MEETINGS, AND THAT MINISTERS DID
NOT BELIEVE PROBLEM WAS AN ASEAN PROBLEM MERELY
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BECAUSE ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE NEIGHBORS TO INDOCHINA.
RAJA COMMENTED ON SUGGESTION THAT WEALTHY COUNTRIES
ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM BY
SAYING THAT RESETTLEMENT IS HIGHER PRIORITY.

3. STRAITS TIMES ALSO CARRIES MANILA REPORT ON
FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO'S WARNING THAT VIETNAMESE

REFUGEE PROBLEM COULD ESCALATE INTO PALESTINIAN-
TYPE PROBLEM.
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